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In re Patent Application of:

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For	: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A DRY SHEET FROM A SLURRY (As Amended)	

Commissioner for Patents
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION
OF SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SHEET UNDER §1.76(c)**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-entitled patent application as follows..

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE	
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☒ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE

The title is being amended as shown hereinabove; and on the enclosed substitute specification; and on the enclosed Supplemental Data Sheet. Entry is requested.